

Dear readers,

I am going to write about American schools and the differences to our school (or in general: German schools).

In America, there are different types of schools you can go to. Normally high schools and boarding schools. I am going to talk about high schools.

High schools are in some points similar and in some points completely different to our school. I will start with the classes you visit there:

High schools are often from the 9th class to the 12th class, but sometimes also (it depends on the state) from the 10th class to the 12th.

In Germany all classes, from the 5th to the 12th, learn at the same school.

In America, they have also special names for the different classes. If students are in the 9th, they are called "Freshman" (because they are the youngest and the newest), in the 10th they are called "Sophomore", in the 11th "Junior" and in the 12th "Senior". We just have "Unterstufe", "Mittelstufe" and "Oberstufe".

Also a big difference is that every year (from April to May) they celebrate a traditional celebration called "Homecoming".

At Homecoming, the girls and boys go together to a ball and dance. The girls wear formal dresses and the boys tuxedos.

I think it is a bit sad, that we don't have a traditional celebration like that. But when we (hopefully) get our A-levels in the 12th, we have the "Abiball"!

I think it is also a great experience.

All in all I can say that the schools are in some points similar and in some points different.

I hope you enjoyed reading this!

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